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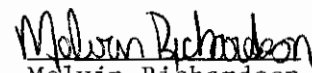
Dear Sir/Madam :

I was sentenced by Judge Michael Ponsor on October 13, 2006, based on the sentencing guidelines that were then in effect regarding cocaine base. I believe that I am eligible to be resentenced, under the cocaine base guidelines, which have been made retroactive.

My current release date is in 2021.

I cannot afford to hire an attorney. A completed financial affidavit is enclosed. I am respectfully requesting that the Court appoint counsel to represent me.

Sincerely,


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